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***Iowa's Medicaid Director to  
Transition to the Private Sector  
Deputy Medicaid Director to Serve in Interim Role***

(Des Moines, Iowa) – Today the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) announced Medicaid Director Michael Randol will be leaving the state effective August 14, 2020, to return to the private sector. The Department will begin recruiting for a new director immediately, in the interim the Deputy Medicaid Director Julie Lovelady will lead the team.

“Director Randol was brought on at a critical time to stabilize our Medicaid program,” said Governor Reynolds. “I am so thankful for the work he’s done to not only stabilize the program, but improve the system, incorporate technology, and set a foundation that we can build on moving forward. I wish him the absolute best in his next endeavor.”

“Over the past 8 months Director Randol helped get me acclimated to the State of Iowa and our Medicaid program—I cannot thank him enough. It’s clear he’s done a tremendous amount of work to get our program on track,” said DHS Director Kelly Garcia. “I look forward to the next steps as we move into a new phase, which includes focusing on outcomes and social determinants of health. We have a lot of exciting opportunities ahead. I wish Michael tremendous success, he is a true public servant.”

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